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FOR WORTZEL FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. YOU WILL BE GETTING SOMETHING ON THE FORRESTAL VISIT. AS YOU MAY EXPECT, THE IDEA OF ONE WAY FLIGHT OPS DOES NOT SIT WELL WITH NAVY. THEY WILL PROBABLY COME BACK ASKING YOU TO RECONSIDER IN VIEW OF NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE AND ABSENSE OF PROBLEMS WITH NIMITZ GOING TO AND FROM VENICE. THEY MAY ALSO SWEETEN THE SUGGESTION BY INVITING THE YUGOSLAVS TO SEND OBSERVERS. MEANWHILE TIME GOES BY AND THE 60-DAY ADVANCE NOTIFICATION PERIOD IS ALREADY SLIGHTLY ABRIDGED.

2. THE WAR COLLEGE GROUP WILL PROBABLY INVITE THE YUGOSLAVS TO SEND A RECIPROCAL GROUP SOMETIME IN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO. THIS HAS APPARENTLY BEEN TRIED BEFORE, BUT IT MIGHT BE WORTH PUSHING THIS TIME.

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3. THE MARINES NEED THREE PEOPLE FOR THEIR PROCEEDINGS IN THE ALABASTER CASE: THE CORONER WHO CERTIFIED THE CAUSE OF DEATH, THE INVESTIGATOR WHO CONDUCTED THE ACTUAL INVESTIGATION AND THE ANALYST WHO ANALYZED THE HAIR AND BLOOD SAMPLES. WE HAVE PASSED THIS TO ANDONOV AND SAID THAT THE USG WOULD PAY FOR THESE PEOPLE TO COME HERE.

THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THE PEOPLE WHO COME MUST BE THOSE WHO ACTUALLY DID THE WORK, NOT MORE SENIOR OFFICIALS, SINCE THE POINT IS TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CROSS EXAMINATION UNDER OATH.

4. SOUNDS LIKE CODEL ROSTENKOWSKI WAS A REAL WINNER. SO FAR WE HAVE ONLY SNIPPETS, BUT THEY ARE JUICY. IN ANY CASE, WE WILL NEED TO PROVIDE COPIES OF THE REPORTS ON THE MEETINGS TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS.

5. PLEASE TELL HERB KAISER THAT AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELD HAS DECIDED TO KEEP CARROLL BROWN FOR ANOTHER YEAR. SORRY THAT JOB DIDN'T OPEN UP.

6. BRAGDON TDY. BRAGDON HAS ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF APARTMENT SPACE, IF HE BRINGS HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER ALONG (AT HIS EXPENSE). IN OTHER WORDS, WOULD THE APARTMENT HE WILL BE GETTING SLEEP THREE? APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING WITH ADMIN. VANCE

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